
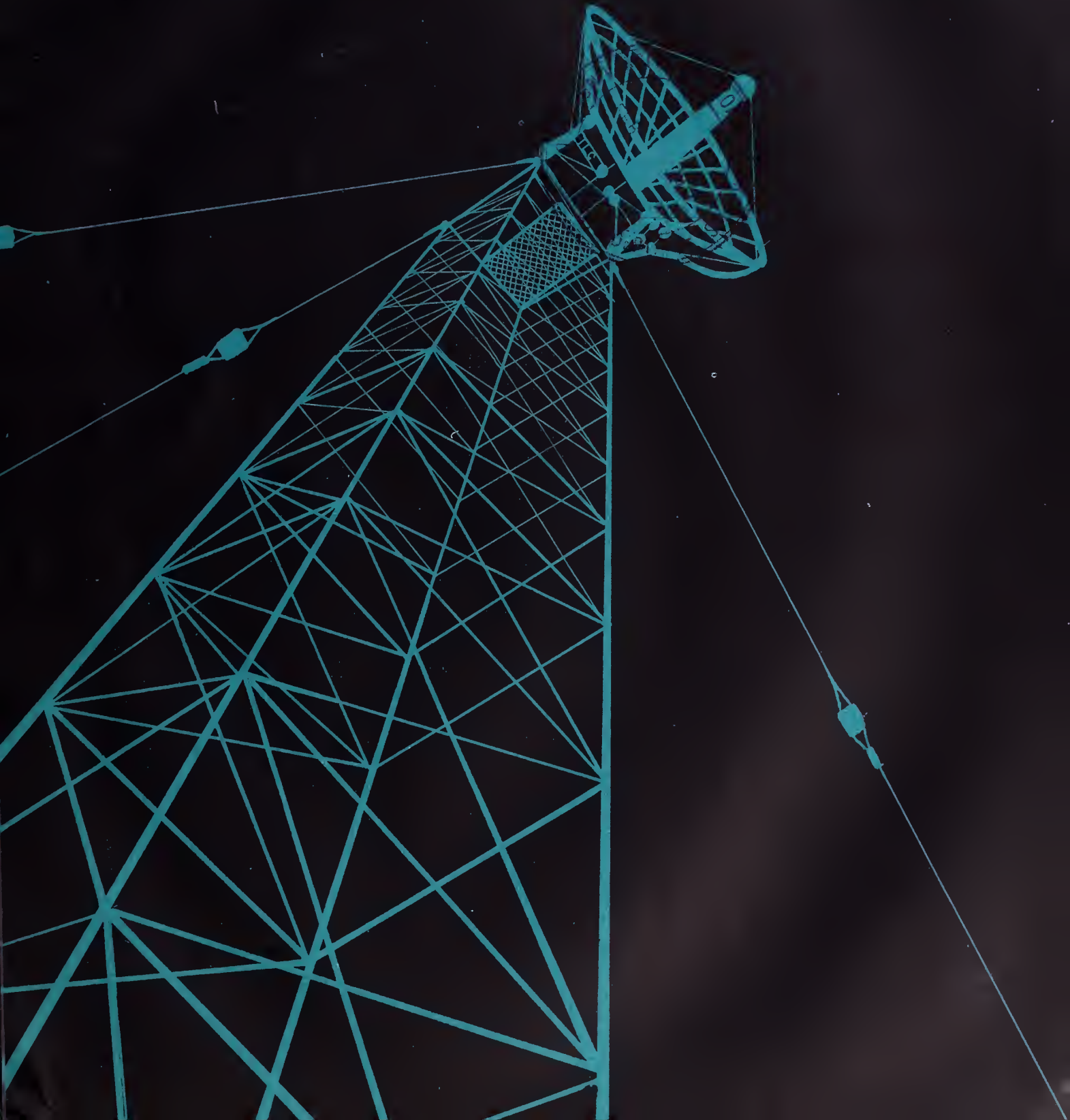


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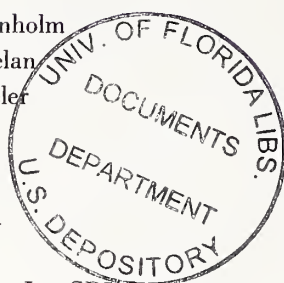
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A Fresh Start

Now that those holiday feasts and hangovers are once again behind us—and many if not most of our New Year's resolutions have already been broken—how about making a fresh start?

A fresh start for what?

For one thing, as the saying goes, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life."

It's a nice thought, but we all know how life can at times turn into a daily drag interrupted only by the glitter of weekends. But is that any way to run your life? Sure we set goals—that next three-day-pass, a 14-day leave, ETS—fine.

But there are other satisfactions—small pleasures that happen every day. Like taking pride in doing the best job you know how to do. Like trying out new ideas. Like giving and receiving praise for a job well done or thanks for a helping hand. Like treating your fellow workers as human beings and not as "that dumb lifer" or "that young punk." Like listening—and being listened to.

Critics have dubbed the Army "The Green Monster," an inhuman, callous monolith.

But the Army is people—men and women like you. It is no more or less sensitive than the people who make it run.

It may be a familiar turn on a schoolboy homily, but if we work at working together, if we work at mutual respect and understanding, maybe the daily routine won't seem so dreary. Maybe we'll find that life has more to offer than Saturdays, Sundays and Monday nights during the pro football season.

One of Our Columns is Missing

There will be no Missed Persons Bureau this month. This is not a willful act of the editor nor the fault of a lethargic staff (not to say our editor isn't willful or our staff isn't lethargic). We've dried up our contacts—we've run out of missed persons. If you want the column to continue, give us a hand. Or better, some names, addresses and occupations of former USASA personnel. Mail them to:

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OUR COVER—A different angle on a radio tower drawn by a new staff member, SP5 Tom Clemens Jr. Supplying and installing rigs like these is the job of the Materiel Support Command at Vint Hill Farms Station. The full story is on page 4.

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To

REFORGER II

They Go

Over
the
Ocean
and
through
the
Woods



Deplaning from a mammoth C-141 "Starlifter," the men from the 337th ASA Company along with soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) carry all the personal gear they were allowed to take with them for their European sojourn.

MISSION: Quick reaction to an enemy thrust into Germany.

ASSIGNMENT: Provide signal security and communication relay services for friendly forces.

OPERATION CODEWORD: REFORGER II

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And in the midst of it were the men of the 337th ASA Company. Days earlier, they were at their home base, Ft. Riley, Kan. Now they were on the western side of the West German-Czechoslovakian border along with two brigades and other supporting elements of "The Big Red One," the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), in a

massive war-game. Object in point? Test how long it would take to complete a trans-Atlantic airlift on this scale and then see how long it would take the units to get combat-ready in order to support NATO forces against an aggressor.

Playing the heavy in this plot were one brigade of the U.S. 3d Infantry Division, West Germany's 35th Panzer Grenadier Brigade and elements of the 318th USASA Battalion of Field Station, Herzogenaurach.

From that first cold and rainy October night when the lead elements of the 337th hit Herzo base, nothing came easy. Equipment had to be assembled and readied, rations obtained,

(Edited from report by
SSG G. Barrientes; photos
by SP4 Frank Nelson.)



Keeping warm was one of the more pressing problems in the cold, damp and drear forest along the West German—Czechoslovakian border. But most soldiers solved the predicament one way . . . or another.

vehicles picked up and checked and billets secured.

Within a week, all had been accomplished and the 337th moved out into the field.

A soldier's oldest nemesis, foul weather, plagued them throughout the entire exercise. The troops moved

All the comforts of home base—even a KP roster.



their field locations three times in the mud and the cold. With the amount of time spent traveling, tearing down, cleaning and reassembling equipment, there was precious little time left over for simple things—like sleep.

Spirits Stay High

The men of the 337th averaged less than six hours of sleep nightly and had only one hot meal a day. Despite this, morale stayed high.

REFORGER II not only proved that troops can be moved rapidly anywhere in the world but that they can operate well when they get there. The thrust into Germany took only seven days—compared to 16 during REFORGER I operations held in February 1969.

The USASA situation however was a little different from that of the line units. The 337th ASA Company, for example, was composed of many USASA soldiers from various stations around the States who had just joined the company before the trans-Atlantic push. After arriving in Europe, they were bolstered by other Agency personnel from various field stations on the continent.

So, among other things, REFORGER II proved that USASA soldiers who had never before worked together could function as a tight-knit unit in a minimum amount of time.

This teamwork was evident everywhere. Throughout the exercise, the VII Corps Tactical Operations Center was manned by men from the 507th USASA Group, Frankfurt; Field Stations Bad Aibling and Rothwesten; and the USASA detachment at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.

The good-guy transoceanic repelling force of the 337th was backed by USASA troops from the 311th ASA Battalion, Ft. Hood, Texas, the 352nd ASA Company, Ft. Carson, Colo., Field Station, Bad Aibling, and the Homestead detachment.

The Wrap Up

Specialist 4 David White, Bad Aibling, summed up the picture when he said: "This entire exercise was a completely new experience. I think we all learned something and I think we did what we had to do."

As a post-script, he added, "Only, I wouldn't want to come again . . . at least not in this weather."



What Else Can You Do?—Although the ARs require all E-7s, 8s and 9s to have a secondary MOS, DA recently released figures showing that some 15,000 senior NCOs don't. And they're the ones who will feel the impending promotion pinch when grade hikes go to those with more diversified talents. But it's not too late for senior NCOs to get cracking—the books. Those concerned should see their personnel representatives about what they must do to get that second MOS. (ODCSPER)



1971 Holds Four New Weekend Bonuses—Thanks to a new federal law and a little finagling with the calendar, Federal (military and civilian) personnel will be able to cash in on four additional three-day weekends this year. Commemoration of Washington's Birthday has been shifted to the third Monday in February; Memorial Day to the last Monday in May; Veteran's Day to the fourth Monday in October and Columbus Day—now a national holiday—to the second Monday in October. (ODCSPER)



Three-Year Stabilization—In a move to keep pace with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, USASA has announced that all Agency field representatives hereafter will be stabilized for a minimum of 36 months, on each assignment unless relieved with cause. The new order also affects field reps already in the midst of a tour. In a related move, no departing representative will be ordered from a station until he gets a chance to break in his replacement. This overlap period will be at least a month. (ODCSPER)

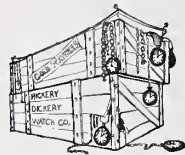


Check Those CHAMPUS Bills—The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), which covers civilian dependents of military personnel and DA civilians and their families, warns members to be on the lookout for faulty medical billing.

According to recent bulletins, physicians are out of bounds when they charge eligible patients for simply filling out CHAMPUS claim forms. The doctors are also off-base when they charge more than CHAMPUS allows for specific services rendered. Any billing disputes should be taken to a CHAMPUS legal assistance officer. (ODCSPER)



Congress Expands VA Benefits—A last minute Christmas present for veterans and servicemen, via the Veterans Administration, extends loans to cover mobile-homes. A qualified individual can now borrow up to \$10,000 for a mobile-home and up to \$17,500 for a mobile home and a permanent lot. Eligibility of WW II and Korean veterans for home loans has been renewed. (ODCSPER)



The End of the Line—In order to cut back its size, the Army has announced that Reserve officers with 20 or more years of service will be retired as of fiscal year 1972—whether they wish to be or not. The only exceptions will be officers involved in promotion lock-ins, long range active duty programs and selective retention programs. Even here, requests for retirement will be given full consideration. (ODCSPER)



Got a Dark Brownish-Grey Military Overcoat?—If you do, the only value it now has is as a collector's item. Starting this winter, only the Army green variety of overcoat is authorized. The same will soon go into effect for Army raincoats too. The taupe-colored ones will no longer be acceptable after July 1. (ODCSPER)



Hold Those Government Holdings!—The interest rate on U. S. Savings Bonds has gone up again—this time from five to five-and-a-half per cent when they are held to maturity. In other words, a \$75 Series E bond purchased on or after June 1, 1970, will now earn \$102.92 in five years and 10 months—compared to the old rate of \$100. (ODCSPER)



A New Honor—The first "Commanding General's Annual Communications Award" will be presented next month to the USASA unit or organization making the top contribution to the communication mission of the Agency. The prize will be a plaque and USASA units worldwide have until January 31 to get their nominations to Agency headquarters. (ODCSTEL)

MSC *The Essential Link*



The MSC warehouse—parts and supplies vary in value from one penny to one million dollars.

The men of the 509th Radio Research Group in Vietnam have learned the true meaning of "living better electrically" thanks to the USASA Materiel Support Command at Vint Hill Farms Station, Virginia. With many years of time in grade, the one each, improvised latrine, OD, combat type, has bowed to the forces of progress, and the 509th now has electric latrines. And, if that isn't close enough to having all the comforts of home, the MSC has also supplied them with electric vacuum cleaners used to clean trenches and bunkers.

With most requisitions of a priority nature, the MSC must maintain a quick reaction capability to supply more than 130 USASA units worldwide with parts and supplies unique to the Agency's mission.

Situated 40 miles southwest of Washington, D.C., in the picturesque Warrenton area of Virginia, the USASA Materiel Support Command provides the "essential supply link" to the Army Security Agency. Commanded by Colonel Warren H. Jepson and staffed with relatively few personnel, the MSC has stressed expertise and responsiveness since its inception in 1964.

The parts and supplies which are handled vary in value from one penny to one million dollars. But, no matter

what they cost, outgoing shipments can be expected to reach the customer within an average of seven days—even the most distant customer.

MSC also sponsors USASA's worldwide Technical Assistance Program. Special teams, of warrant officers and senior NCOs who possess a variety of backgrounds and MOSs, are deployed to units requiring assistance in dealing with operations equipment and other phases of supply. Traveling approximately nine months a year, technical assistance duty offers the individual team member a great professional challenge as well as an opportunity to journey about the globe.

MSC's engineers and technicians also design and repair all types of Agency equipment from shelters to sophisticated electronic gear, providing USASA with a depot repair capability.

From the smallest component to a complex electronic system—and technical assistance to go with it—the USASA Materiel Support Command is capable of furnishing required services or supplies to Agency units anywhere in the world.

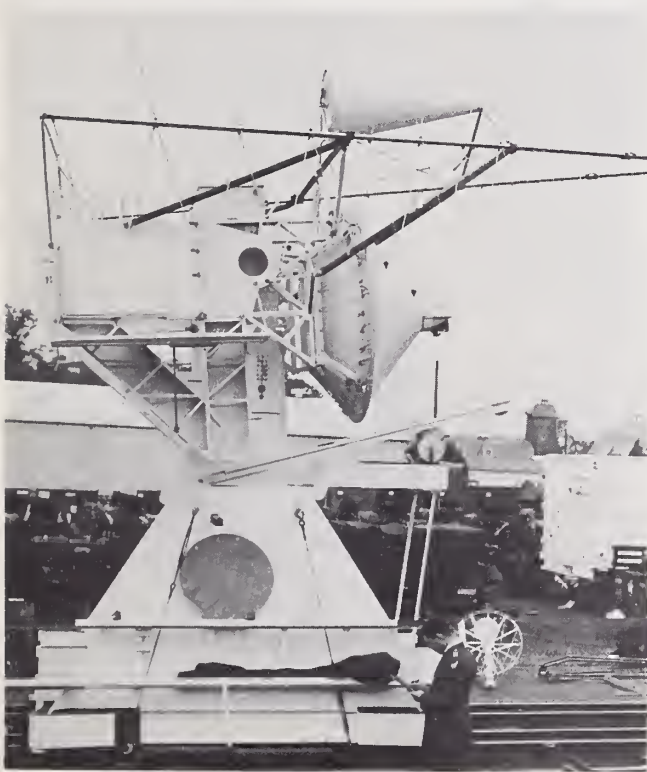
(Photos by SP4 Tom Betzold)



The MSC packing and crating division prepares shipments for worldwide distribution—reaching the customer within an average of seven days.



The Technical Assistance Team provides help to over 130 USASA units throughout the world in the operation and maintenance of Agency equipment.



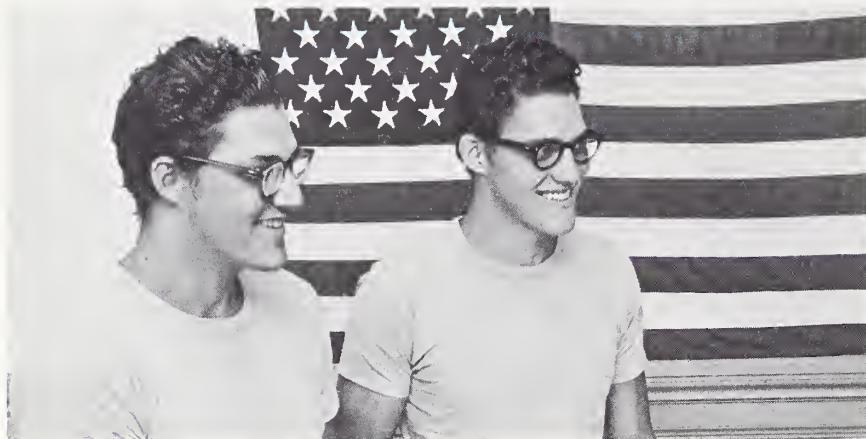
Technical inspections are conducted to insure readiness of equipment before being deployed to the field.





pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



John Joseph Smith (left) and Joseph John Smith (right) are pictured—wait a minute; or is that Joe on the left and John on the right?—anyway, they're pictured moments before taking the oath of enlistment into the Agency.

New Jersey

Ft. Dix—If your name is Smith, you can expect a small amount of confusion to follow you during your days in the Army. If you happen to be identical twins named Smith, you can expect an obvious amount of confusion. And if your full names happen to be Joseph John Smith and John Joseph Smith you can expect confusion bordering on chaos.

Such a plight faces two recent look-a-like enlistees in the Agency. Joe and John are currently undergoing Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Dix. From there it's off to some unsuspecting unit.

Alaska

Ft. Richardson—Winning medals has almost become old hat to members of the Agency, but Specialist 5 Robert L. Mixon truly distinguished himself when he was presented three different medals for service in the Republic of Vietnam.

The Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal—among the top awards given in recognition of heroism and service under combat conditions—and the Army Commendation Medal were presented to SP5 Mixon by Major

General James F. Hollingsworth, Commanding General, US Army, Alaska.

Now assigned to the USASA Detachment, USARAL, SP5 Mixon earned his medals while serving as a field radio repairman with the 371st RR Co.

Virginia

Arlington Hall Station—Lieutenant Colonels Gerald M. Dirxx and James E. Freeze are heading back to school—but these school days will be spent at a rather unique and exclusive institution.

The two Agency officers, currently stationed in Washington, D.C., have recently been selected by the Department of the Army to attend the Army War College.

Classes begin on August 9. Upon graduation from this Senior Service School on June 12, 1972, the men will incur a two-year service obligation.

Arlington Hall Station—Seven US-ASA units added reenlistment plaques to their collections for meeting or surpassing Department of the Army objectives to reenlist 33 1/3 per cent of eligible first term personnel, 80 per cent of eligible career personnel,

or for finishing highest in each category within the Agency.

The USASATC&S, Ft. Devens, and the 400th SOD, Okinawa, earned two plaques apiece while the Security Company, Augsburg, Communications Units in Japan and Europe, Field Station, Bad Aibling, and the Southern Command were each presented a plaque.

Okinawa

400th SOD—Specialist 6 John W. Hill has done it again. For the second time in as many tries, he scored a perfect 500 points on the semiannual Physical Combat Proficiency Test. He was one of only three persons to "max" the test from among 7,500 Army personnel in Okinawa who participated.

"Just to stay in shape," SP6 Hill runs about 10 miles at night.

Florida

US Naval Communications Training Center—Sergeant First Class Jerry D. King of the Pensacola Detachment, USASATC&S, soared past nine naval instructors to win the "Admiral Jefferson Dennis Award," emblematic of the Navy's "Instructor of the Year" at this training center.



SFC Jerry King accepts a watch and the "Admiral Jefferson Dennis Award" for being selected the Navy's "Instructor of the Year."



"All for one and one for all," say (from left) SP4 Greg Bohn, SP4 Carl Meyers, and SP5 Walt Harms after reenlistment for a tour in Udorn, Thailand.

"I, Specialist 5 Walter Harms . . ."

"I, Specialist 4 Gregory Bohn . . ."

"I, Specialist 4 Carl Meyers . . ."

With these words, three US Army Security Agency soldiers began their reenlistment ceremony at Arlington Hall Station, Va., and cemented a friendship that has kept them together for the last 30 months.

The trio met in May 1968, when they entered the service. They stayed together all the way through advanced O5K school at Ft. Devens, Mass., and an 18-month tour at the 7th Radio Research Field Station, Udorn, Thailand.

Faced with reassignments that would have split them up in Germany, the threesome reenlisted for six years and a return to Udorn.

Why Udorn? They all agreed, "It's the climate, the quarters, and the mission."

The trio collectively picked up more than \$23,000 in Variable Reenlistment Bonuses.

Germany

Field Station, Rothwesten—Specialist 5 Colin J. Matchett not only went to the head of his class but also to the head of all the classes before him as he achieved the highest score ever recorded at the 7th Army Non-Commissioned Officer's Academy.

A member of Company A's detachment at Mount Meissner, the 24-year-old specialist scored a near-perfect 98 per cent in the five-week course.

In addition to being the honor graduate of his class, he received the Commander-in-Chief, United States Army, Europe and Seventh Army

Award, the General Patton Award for Excellence, and the General Douglas MacArthur Award.

Field Station, Bad Aibling—Memo to Diogenes: Your search is over. Here's your man:

While leaving a small German movie theater, Specialist 4 Dan Leary came upon a wallet lying on the sidewalk. In it he found about 500 Deutsche marks (about \$125) and nearly \$500 in American currency. Also nestled within the billfold was an American passport bearing the name of Mr. Franz Goerg from West Hollywood, Fla.

Working with his company commander, 1LT Charles Cunningham, SP4 Leary was able to contact Mr. Goerg through the American Consulate.

The much-relieved traveler hurried over to the company's orderly room whereupon Specialist Leary returned the valuable item.

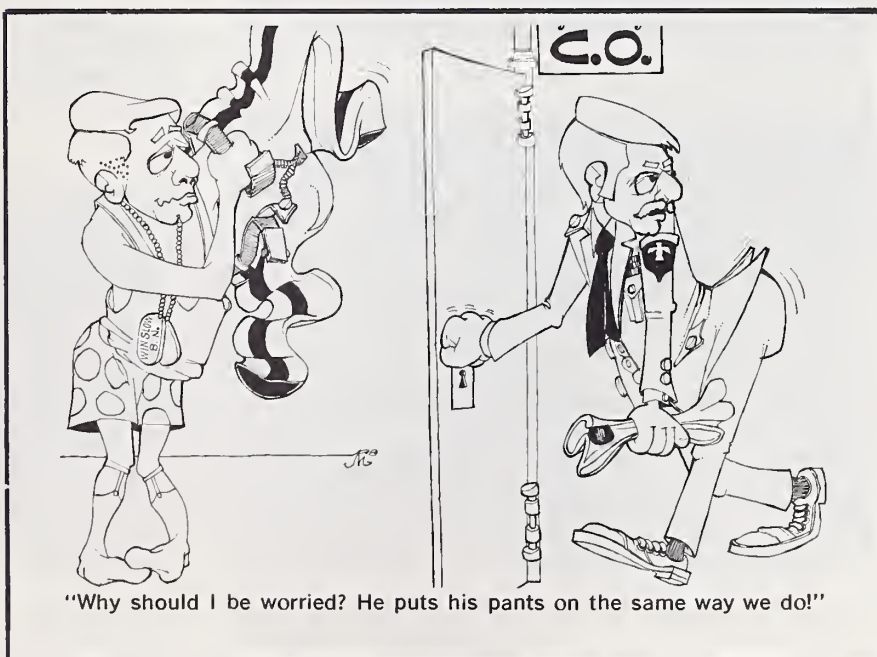
Was there a reward, you ask? Yes. The grateful Mr. Goerg not only calmly peeled off \$100 for the soldier but also invited him and his wife and young daughter to take advantage of some Florida sunshine and hospitality as his guests when they return to the States.

IRS Gives Break On Moving Costs

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced that servicemen will be the beneficiaries of a two-year moratorium on withholding and reporting of moving expense reimbursements.

For at least the 1970 and 1971 taxable years, soldiers will not be required to account on their income tax forms for moves handled by the government. Although they must report cash reimbursements of moving expenses, this is subject to an off-setting deduction for expenses actually paid.

Where the cost of moving paid by a serviceman is more than his reimbursement, he will be allowed to deduct the difference on his tax return.





With Command Sergeant Major David Eiler at the helm, the NCOs' tug-o-war team pulls . . .



SP5 George E. Thomas, 370th ASA Co., Ft. Bragg, N.C., wins a pugil stick victory over CW2 Julius Erickson.



Cake-cutting ceremony at USASA's detachment at Goodfellow AFB, Tex., stars (l to r) CPT Ronald C. Hale, San Angelo Mayor Wylie O. Webb, and SFC Clayton McLucas.

A Day to

ASA's Titanic Worldwide

Cold, snowy, windy winter. Phooey. Let us look back to last September when the air was warm, the sky was clear, and we were celebrating the Agency's 25th birthday. Remember . . .?

Picnic-type festivals were the most common way of commemorating the USASA's first quarter-century of service to the nation. Agency units throughout the world observed the milestone with beer-chugging contests and beer softball games (where you must drink a beer at each base before you can go on to the next one), tug-o-wars, egg-tossing affairs, and sack races, and even raising funds for the USASA's Benefit Association with raffles and chances to dunk your (a) commanding officer (b) first sergeant (c) section chief, or (d) all of the above.

Several units added different wrinkles to their patterns of play. The 301st ASA Bn (Airborne Corps) at Ft. Bragg, N.C., constructed chariots and raced them in competition in the old Roman style. Topping off the day was a free fall demonstration by the XVIII Airborne Corps and Ft. Bragg Sport Parachute Club. Four men (two from the 301st)



CPL Bob Snyder, a member of Co. G, 14th Massachusetts Continental Infantry, shows how to ram a charge in his vintage musket at Ft. Devens.

Remember

Birthday Celebration



... Commanding Officer LTC Andrew E. Little and other officers into the ditch at Field Station, Hakata, Japan.

jumped from 7,000 feet and thrilled the crowd with spectacular sky diving aerobatics.

Field Station, Herzogenaurach, Germany, pulled off a few surprises. A moneymaking "car bashing" attraction had to be suddenly curtailed—the automobile was donated with a half tank of gasoline. Later in the day, after only one three-man team was successful in climbing the greased pole to get the dollar bill on top, Pam Ragatz, nine-year-old daughter of CW3 and Mrs. William Ragatz, did the same feat in half the time of the soldiers. There's a moral there somewhere.

Two Rock Ranch Station, Calif., observed the Agency's silver anniversary with a unique carnival and rock festival. One of the featured groups was a local rock band with the thought-provoking name of "The Good Time Charlie Filth".

USASA units spanning the globe proudly paused to celebrate the Agency's first 25 years. But if you think this birthday party was great, can you imagine the golden anniversary party in 1995?



Hakata's Ron Abram (third from right) was the best chugger at the beer drinking contest.



"C'mon rag arm, hit the paddle!" taunts LTC Richard C. Doerer, CO of Homestead Seminole Station, Fla. As you can

see, "rag arm" comes through with a direct hit, sending him into the drink (no, not beer).

“*&”%.#—when the devil is someone gonna do something about these crummy steps?”

Day in and day out, soldier and civilian alike cursed the cement steps leading down from the cafeteria at Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, Va. When gravel got kicked up on them from the sidewalk, the ordinary looking steps turned into a treacherous, slippery and particularly hard monster.

But like the weather, everyone complained about them and nobody did anything—that is, until Mrs. Jean Navarro, a secretary in the Civilian Personnel Office, made a suggestion. Why not put a bannister or guard rail on the steps?

The idea was good—good for improved safety and good for \$35 for Mrs. Navarro.

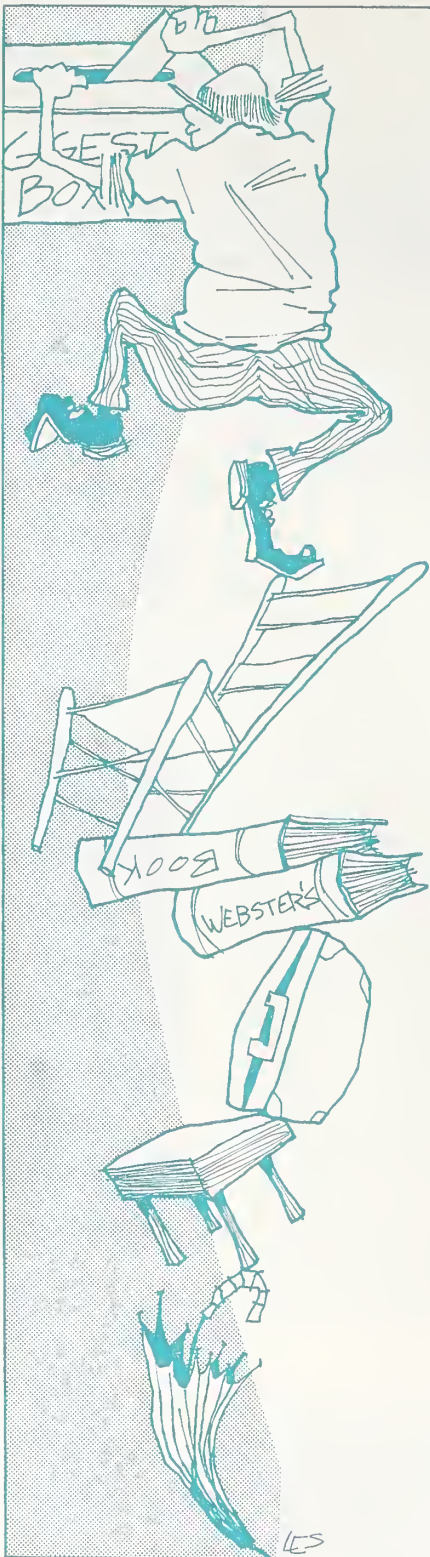
No, it wasn't enough to buy a new sports car or a fall wardrobe. But who can't use a quick \$35 for a few minutes' work? Last year, USASA's suggestion program paid out nearly \$14,500. And it didn't all go to engineers making intricate modifications on highly complex gear. In fact, most of it went to E5s and 6s—the ranks that put in the most suggestions. And the majority of the ideas came from men trying to improve the way their own jobs were handled.

Ready Cash

For example, there was Ernest Woyma Jr., who received \$120 when he suggested getting rid of an outdated form.

Or Gail Reynolds, a civilian at the Materiel Support Command, Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, Va., who nailed down \$1,270 for suggesting “a change in preparing preventive maintenance report forms, reducing maintenance man-hours on administrative functions.”

Good ideas save money. The 769 approved by the Agency last year saved USASA just under \$200,000. And in the 28 years the suggestion program has been in effect, the Army has saved \$772.9 million. With the



tightening economic picture in the Defense Department, the Agency is grateful for every cent it can save.

But ideas don't have to save money to earn you some. Some suggestions

have intangible benefits.

“You can't put a value on a broken leg or neck,” pointed out Mrs. Grace Catanzarita, incentive awards administrator at Agency headquarters.

How does it all work? Let's say you have an idea you think would improve the Agency (and would enrich yourself).

First turn it in to the suggestion officer at your post. If it is a valid one, local headquarters is authorized to pay you up to \$1,000—depending, of course, on the nature of the idea and the savings it will bring.

Kicked Upstairs

But yours might be an idea that has wider application throughout the Agency—or one local authorities aren't qualified to make a decision on. In that case, the idea is forwarded to Arlington Hall.

There it is sent to the staff element that should know the most about the field the idea affects. If it is approved there, generally, the Agency will concur.

There's a complex scale on figuring out how much each idea is worth. However, a suggester can earn up to \$25,000.

The whole process should take about a month. In the event of duplicate ideas, the one submitted first takes home the money.

If an idea has wider application than USASA, it is forwarded to the Department of the Army. This could mean even more money—eventually. It takes DA a while to make a decision. But even if you ETS, the money will be forwarded to you if your suggestion is accepted. Former Command Sergeant Major Johnny Kelly, now of Holly Mills, N.C., learned just that last month when a check for \$650 caught up to him more than a year after he submitted an idea.

Of course, there is no guarantee you'll make a cent. But last year, 23 per cent of all suggestions paid off—in money and time-saving ideas for the Agency and in a bundle of bucks for its men and women.

A Pretty Penny for Your Thoughts

ET3USA . . . Meet WB4FBS

*From Ethiopia
to Texas,
Agency Hams Ride
the Airwaves*



MSG Clifford Taylor spends more time in his car since he installed this short-wave transceiver.

USAF Photo.

The King And I

The amateur radio club at Kagnev Station, Ethiopia, with 100 watts of output, is capable of reaching the farthest points on the globe. A hookup with a country only 1,200 miles away is as easy as turning on the receiver.

Kagnev's club president, Staff Sergeant Michael H. Whelpley, agrees it's easy, but not always routine.

Mike's biggest thrill came quite by accident one night in early October. He was airing the club's equipment when suddenly his head phones were buzzing with the voice of Jordan's 34-year-old King Hussein.

The monarch was trying to contact one of his embassy people in the United States but couldn't get a clear connection.

"I could hear both of them clearly," Mike recalls, "so I offered to act as

a relay point. After the conversation the King and I talked for about 10 minutes. As far as we can tell from club records, it was the first time any of us had talked to him."

The King has been a ham radio operator for the past year and a half and Kagnev's ham operators have been unsuccessfully trying to contact him for months. So the next day, Mike sent him a QSL (verification of contact) card with the club's call sign, ET3USA.

Three weeks later, SSG Whelpley and the King had another talk. The Jordanian ruler mentioned that he had received the QSL card and was sending back one of his own. He also told Mike that their conversation was the first he has had with anyone in Ethiopia.

"Oh . . . Ham On The Range"

Goodfellow AFB, Tex.—"This is WB4FBS mobile. . . ." The call goes out to some of the more than 240,000 amateur (ham) radio operators in the United States and overseas, from Master Sergeant Clifford A. Taylor of the Goodfellow detachment.

Trying to contact someone in each of the 3,077 counties, parishes and judicial districts in the United States is the ham operator's biggest game. Taylor has managed to contact 2,785 to date. "There are about 35 operators who have contacted every one of them," he said.

As a ham operator, MSG Taylor shows obvious enthusiasm in discussing and operating his rig.

His Heathkit Side Band 101 amateur short wave transceiver took 70 hours to build. It took another eight hours to assemble a power supply which regulates the current between

the transceiver and the source of electricity.

With a mobile antenna, linear amplifier and another supply at home, Taylor figures that his cash outlay has run under \$1,000.

When traveling in his car, MSG Taylor enjoys talking to other operators. It not only helps him toward his goal of contacting all counties, but also helps in obtaining information about the area where he is headed.

The effective range of his mobile unit is great enough for oversea communications with some of the 160 foreign contacts he has made.

Seventy-two operators from all over the U.S. and two foreign countries met in Knoxville, Tenn., for a convention 10 years ago. Many of the operators still talk to each other regularly and Taylor, who also attended, explained that it was very interesting to meet someone, face to face, who had long been just a voice on the airwaves.

It's Your Future . . . Make the Right Move

Are you prepared to make the right move when you complete your military service, or will you be checkmated by the pressures of the civilian job market due to lack of skills, education, knowledge of available jobs, or a combination of these factors?

If this is your dilemma, don't give up. You can do something about it. And the Army has several programs that may offer just the kind of help you need.

Enlisted personnel within six months of completing their active duty commitment, who do not plan to reenlist, can enroll in a variety of special on-the-job training or education courses.

These courses are designed to train individuals for specific jobs which certain employers want to fill, give them skills for which civilian job opportunities are good, or place them at an educational level for more advantageous employment.

With approval of his commander and prior arrangements made through his education advisor, the soon to ETS soldier may participate in Project Transition during duty time.

Conducted by all uniformed services, Project Transition affords the serviceman who has not acquired an identifiable civilian-related job skill the opportunity to do so.

An individual at Ft. Gordon, Ga., for example, spent half his duty day for five months training to be a fireman. Upon separation, he was employed as a fireman in his hometown.

Participation in Project Transition is voluntary. But for any serviceman looking ahead, and not qualified to compete in the civilian job market, or wanting to improve his job opportunities, Project Transition could be just the thing.

If you have not been able to take advantage of the many in-service educational opportunities, but wish to continue your education as a civilian, Project MEMO is worth checking into.

MEMO, which stands for "More Education, More Opportunity," helps the participating serviceman arrange for his civilian education while he is still in the service. It is designed for those who have not yet received a college degree.

MEMO makes contact between the serviceman and the schools and colleges that offer programs he is interested in. It provides the serviceman with information about the schools and the schools with information about the serviceman.

A free service, exclusively for the military, MEMO is sponsored by the Department of Health, Education & Welfare, the Veterans Administration, and the Department of Defense. Comedian Bob Hope kicked off the program during his 1969 Christmas show tour, and Michigan State University acts as a clearing-house for all colleges and universities.

To participate, you must be in your final 12 months of service and you must make arrangements through your education advisor.

Whether you want to finish college, attend a technical or business school or just complete high school, MEMO will make contact with institutions that offer the kind of studies you seek. One or more of these institutions may then contact you directly, after considering the type of program you want, the availability of space, your previous education and service record.

MEMO will not get you into a college or school, but it opens the door to continuing education.

A booming program for those retiring or approaching retirement is Project Referral, a computerized, man-job matching program which was started June 1, 1970.

Referral, created by the Department of Defense to assist the 65,000 officers and enlisted personnel who retire each year, enables servicemen to register their skills and job preferences with a Defense Department computer facility in Dayton, Ohio. At the same time, public and private employers register their job vacancies with the computer.

The computer searches for job vacancies supplied by employers to match the individual's skills and experience, salary range, education, geographic location, and availability date.

After the match, the computer facility provides prospective employers with abbreviated resumes of all servicemen who match the job order. Subsequent contact and negotiations are initiated by the employer, at his option.

To be eligible, you must be on active duty, be within six months of completing the length of service established for entitlement to military retirement pay, and have declared your intent to retire.

Your first and most important step to Referral is a counseling session with your unit Referral education advisor, who will help you determine your post-retirement objectives, explain the civilian job market in reference to your military experience, and brief you on job-seeking techniques.

Although this new man-job match system does not guarantee potential retirees employment, it does initiate contact between retirees and prospective employers.

The U.S. Government recognizes that when a veteran has served his country, it is only right that he be provided with educational benefits designed to assist him in meeting the challenge of the civilian community.

But this is possible only when the departing serviceman—whether he is retiring or leaving after his first hitch—completes the bond between what the program has to offer and the results of his efforts.

The foundation for returning to civilian life has been laid by the government. It is up to the individual to determine the correct move and to build upon that foundation.



Kagnew Fraternity

Washington, D.C.—Former Kagnewites, Unite! (You have nothing to gain but a good time.)

As a matter of fact, nearly 70 Kagnew veterans recently met to elect new officers for the Annual Asmara Reunion. This year's was the 13th.

Perhaps there is some unknown but shared hardship at Kagnew that kindles the fires of everlasting brotherhood. Maybe the times there were so good that these fellows just never tire of talking about them. Whatever the reason, Colonel R. B. Mosser, USASA's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, is their newly elected president. He will have the task of locating more former officers and civilians who have served a tour in Ethiopia so that they may all attend the 14th Annual Asmara Reunion next year.

Football

Helemano, Hawaii—The USASAPAC Flag Football team recently finished its season of play with a highly respectable record and an enviable reputation.

Dubbed the Wolff-Pac, the USASA team manhandled most of the opposition with the greatest of ease but one team, last year's all-island champs, prevented them from going all the way.

The Army-Garrison team from US Army Hawaii won the decisive contest of the six games between the two super powers, though the record shows them winning three games apiece.

Some time in the near future, the Oahu All-Stars will play the Oahu State Prison in Honolulu. With five Wolff-Pac starters on the team, the All-Stars are expected to escape with a win.

Ft. Meade, Md.—An unusually exciting, topsy-turvy contest enabled the USASA Support Group to move into third place in the Ft. Meade intramural league.

The USASA Generals were tied with their Navy counterparts at 36-36 with two minutes to play; but this contest was far from over. The Generals scored a clutch TD with 30 seconds on the clock but failed to convert the extra point. The score: USASA 42, Navy 36.

Well, Navy came right back and scored with nine seconds left. Extra point good, Navy 43, USASA 42. USASA took the kickoff and wisely ran the ball out of bounds with two seconds remaining.

The Generals' quarterback, with only one play to make good, scrambled and scrambled until he spotted his receiver all alone on the sidelines. Specialist 5 Wayne Salisbury played hero and ran it in for the winning score. The final tally: USASA—48, the sunken Navy—43. Whew!

CG's Trophy

Ft. Devens, Mass.—The sports scene at Ft. Devens continues to be dominated by teams representing the U.S. Army Security Agency. In addition to winning the USASA Basketball Tournament, Company D, Training Center & School was also presented the Commanding General's Sports Trophy for the most outstanding company during 1969-1970 in a ceremony November 16.

The 2d Battalion, USASA Training Regiment, was presented the General's Trophy for battalion level sports competition at the same ceremony.

It's Clear Out Front... Hang It... In the Tube... Fire!!

Phu Bai, Vietnam—Each night, these words resound through the vicinity of the Trai Bac Power and Light Co., a pseudonym of the 8th RRFS 81mm Mortar Platoon.

The routine was no different the night Staff Sergeant Donna Baldwin earned her "pit hat." Except for the high voice and a mild case of the new-guy shakes, SSG Baldwin smiled all the time as she gently lowered the round.

Upon the command "Fire," she quickly released the missile, looked down and away from the tube and placed a finger in each ear—as all good mortarwomen should. During the ensuing silence the regular gun-

ners were heard mumbling, "Thank God it didn't misfire." Twenty seconds later, the time-delay fuze detonated and Phu Bai was again brilliantly illuminated.

With the flare still shining brightly, the glowing staff sergeant graciously received her certificate of appointment and the prized "pit hat," a memento of gratitude from the Volunteer Mortar Platoon.

Staff Sergeant Donna Baldwin became the first female to fire a mortar at the 8th RR Field Station when she guided this missile into the tube. Making sure that all is A-OK is CW2 Richard Ichinosubo.





SP5 Steven Feldman was the lucky winner of the free round-trip to the United States. The 319th Bn collected over \$7 per man for the USASABA.

There are some GIs at Kagnev Station, Ethiopia, who would like to see the USASA Benefit Association (USASABA) fund drive last all year. It seems that a month-long drive simply is not long enough to grow a really fine beard.

What does that have to do with the price of brussel sprouts in Brooklyn?

Well, in Asmara, the powers that be annually agree to overlook certain aspects of Army bearing and appearance . . . for the sake of a good cause. The men are granted a month to sprout all the whiskers they can muster. It costs them to enter the contest and rooters must also donate in order to vote for the best growth, the worst and so on. As a result of this year's hairy contest, Kagnev's whiskered warriors contributed \$1,175 of that station's \$5000 donation.

■ Up north, in Germany, the 319th USASA Battalion at Field Station, Rothwesten was able to offer a round trip to the United States and weekend (4-day) jaunts to Paris and Switzerland. In all, 12 prizes were provided. The response: Overwhelming. More than \$7.00 per man was delivered to the Benefit Association.

■ Around the globe in Southeast Asia, the men of the 509th Radio Research Group headquarters bought nearly 30,000 Vietnam Christmas cards. Designed by the Group Graphic Arts Section, the sale netted more than \$1,600 for USASABA.

The Benefit Association, in concept, is not unique to the Army Security Agency. There are corresponding associations in other military departments and agencies. However, one aspect is peculiar to the USASA situation. There seems to be a closer-knit and more durable relationship enjoyed by USASA members. Once assigned to the

Whiskered Warriors and a Ticket Home

The men of the 509th RR Gp Headquarters paid \$1 a dozen for these Vietnam Christmas cards. The profits went to the Benefit Association.



Agency, you stay Agency—a generalization, but it holds true most of the time.

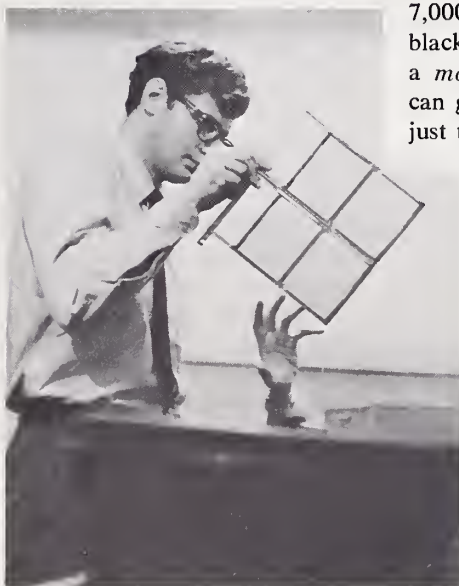
The Benefit Association is the collective helping hand of Agency members. Through it, USASA takes care of its own.

*Fancy 'fringe' benefits and a trip to the States
highlight 1970 USASABA fund drive.*



The 180mm (fish-eye) lens captures some of the newest equipment in Arlington Hall's Post Photo facility. SP4 Esteban Gamboa, left, and SP4 Bob Chambers watch the automated photo dryers churn out their finished pictures.

New Negative Approach Works in AHS Photo Lab



Left: Reproducing color slides is simply a matter of taking a picture of a picture. SP4 Kearney Breland is almost a bystander in this process. Center: SP5 Ralph Brouchoud, NCOIC of the photo lab, insists that the human element can

never be totally eliminated. Right: SP4 Breland prepares 35mm color transparencies for development. All the chemicals used in the process are replenished automatically. (Photos by SP4 Esteban Gamboa)

According to Army standards, the photo lab at Arlington Hall Station should have 12 technicians. One look at the workload will confirm that.

But now, eight men are doing the job and doing it well—thanks to the help of the latest in automated and technical photo gear.

Until March 1969, the photo facility serving the USASA Headquarters operated with about 12 men and a basic complement of photo reproduction equipment. The 12 had their hands full (with only 60 per cent of today's workload). But in March, the lab began to acquire and integrate a number of expensive and sophisticated items. Designed to drastically reduce the necessity for the human element, the modern machinery was completely installed by the following November.

The switch to automation could not have come at a better time. Not only were the demands for quality and quantity rapidly increasing, but the working force had also been depleted to five technicians, two photographers and one administrative specialist.

With over \$80,000 worth of automatic printing and color processing equipment, 8 men are now pushing out the work of 12, with better results than ever.

When you are processing nearly 7,000 color slides, and shooting 50 black and white and color ceremonies a month, you need all the help you can get. This new equipment provides just that.



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Text by SP4 D. J. Driscoll, Information Specialist, USASA Group, Korea.

The Sorceress of Anjongni

It happened deep inside a thickly-wooded grove adjacent to Camp Humphreys in the Republic of Korea.

Cold, white light flashes piercing the tar-like blackness were the first indications that you were approaching the area. Walking on rather hesitantly now the faint, staccato bong-bong-bong beat of the witching gong assured the curious that, indeed, the rite had started.

Collecting their courage, 20 men from USASA Group, Korea at Pyong Taek, paid a dollar each to share an unforgettable Halloween with three genuine Korean witch doctors.

Throughout the ceremony, the Americans flashed light bulbs and electronic camera attachments which exploded like lightning bolts in the ebony dark forest, adding to the occult atmosphere of the event.

Once assured that the area was replete with spirits, the priestess call-

ed the Americans into the center of the clearing and had each select one of four brightly-colored flags. By the color of the flag extracted, the fortune teller had some indication of what lay in store for the disciple. After reading the future, the witch doctor made the "chosen one" open his or her jacket and swept good luck across them with a special fan.

The men, some accompanied by their wives and joined by an equal number of "believing" Koreans, assembled in a small clearing on the outskirts of Anjongni, a village near the camp. After contributing to the \$25-doctor's fee they settled down in the eerie glow of the jack-o'-lantern's smile to witness the frenzied incantations of the traditionally-garbed "bearers of good fortune."

The skeleton-like limbs of the autumnal forest and a chilly, black rural evening provided a fitting back-

ground to the age-old Korean ritual the Americans were experiencing.

The head sorceress performed a wild, bouncing, dervish-type dance and called on the spirits of good luck and fortune to visit the assembled followers. At one point, she placed the pumpkin on her head and spun, danced and twisted about in an effort to secure the blessings of the unseen.

At the rite's conclusion, Jo-Ann Driscoll, wife of Specialist 5 David Driscoll of Headquarters Company, served hot chocolate with marshmallow to the congregation. The head priestess, taking two or three cups of the brew, offered them to a nearby group of mesmerized Korean school children. They jumped back six paces, arms outstretched, mouths agape, and stared in wide-eyed terror at the benevolent sorceress.

Legion of Merit

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John C. Maxwell.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Donald L. Henson.

Bronze Star Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Jack A. Crawford.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Anthony R. Wiederle.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: William Purnell.

FIRST SERGEANT: William J. Cook (1).

MASTER SERGEANT: E. J. Stinson (1).

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Leonard E. Brandvold (1), James C. Gray.

STAFF SERGEANT: Robert J. Gunderman, Michael O. Scott, Bobby N. Shirin, James G. Taylor, Edwin L. Tinkle.

SPECIALIST 6: John F. Perkin.

SERGEANT: Willie Jones (V), Dwight D. Smith.

SPECIALIST 5: Stephen G. Harshfield, John D. Johnson, Richard H. Steffen, David G. Radziewicz.

SPECIALIST 4: Paul Baadsgaard, Donald E. Mershaw.

Meritorious Service Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John C. Reid.

MAJOR: Glenn W. Feagin, Joseph B. Gardner.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Daniel W. Dobberhill (1).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER: Alan L. Lindley (1).

MASTER SERGEANT: Harry J. Craft, James E. Doss.

SPECIALIST 7: James B. Phillips.

STAFF SERGEANT: Thomas F. O'Grady.

Air Medal

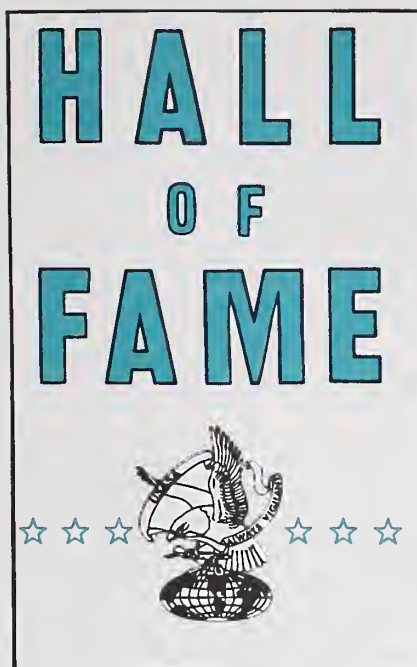
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Arthur T. Shaver.

SPECIALIST FIVE: David G. Radziewicz (1-3).

Army Commendation Medal

MAJOR: Robert L. Johnson, Lavert W. Jones.

CAPTAIN: John D. Boone, Steven W.



Jennings, Frederick A. Mingo, Paul C. Osborne, William M. Robeson, Kent H. Warneka.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Matthew P. Daley, Emery D. Holloway, Frederick F. McCarrick, John K. Urice, Gary Wilson, Vincent D. Wohlheiter.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Richard E. McKinnon (1).

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Charles W. Floyd, Wallace D. Johnston (1), Donald P. Kapla, Allen C. McDonald (1), Vicente Ortiz, Gary E. Rector, James C. Reed, Charles L. Sassaman, Jethro Seabron, James O. Shawen, Jay L. Wenger.

STAFF SERGEANT: Terry B. Biddix, William F. Curry Jr., Clifford W. Green (1), James B. Higgins, James L. Meade, Joseph W. Misko, Dale M. Moor, Robert S. Notestine, John H. Severns, Henry T. Trosper, John A. Weissler.

SPECIALIST 6: Rockne B. Hill.

SERGEANT: Stephen M. Grinch III, Gregory R. Younkin.

SPECIALIST 5: Erich V. Baeske, Dale E. Bartkowiak, Robert J. Blanchette, Robin S. Border, Roger S. Carlton, Michael L. Crutcher, Spencer C. Graves, Elden S. Himeda, Francis J. Holewinski, Elwyn O. Jarvis, George G. Jaspers, Russell E. Johnson, Larry D. Kindseth, Lester J. Niven, James M. Quinn, Donald D. Rybski, Robert W. Stinnett, William A. Stone (1), Alexander H. Teliak, Allan Torrance, Leonard A. Whitman, Ronnie D. Woody.

SPECIALIST 4: Kenneth L. Carlson, Roger B. Finney, Wayne A. Foster, William A. Heuer, Arthur R. Kriewaldt, David W. Mahaffey, Russell Y. Matsumara, Fred W. McPherson, Harry C. Myers, David M. Ropelewski, Charles Savage, William E. Smith.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS: Lindy Tagliaferri.

Purple Heart

SPECIALIST 5: David G. Radziewicz.

Retirements

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Joseph G. Dobbins, Charles M. Fowler, Jack H. Jacobus, James E. Mix.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Ted L. McKrill.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Harold R. Carney.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Quality Pay Increase

George Anderson, Mrs. Ruth Archer, Mrs. Mary Ball, Mrs. Geraldine Burnell, Lewis Cossaboon, Mrs. Dorothy Daffara, William F. Dennen, Robert F. Eberle, Clarence Furlong, Charles L. Gray, Mrs. Marguerite Harrod, Mrs. Jewel Hohein, Dr. John Legere, Ray Lloyd, Richard Madson, Bernard McDowell, Mrs. Virginia Myers, William Pike, Mrs. Rita Smith, Mrs. Mildred Tyler, Arthur W. Tyson, Neville Upson, William Willoughby.

Sustained Superior Performance Award

Mrs. Florence A. Brennan, Francis Brown, William Godin Jr., John W. Goodwin, Robert O. Houde, Thomas R. O'Neil.

Outstanding Performance Rating

George Anderson, Mrs. Dorothy Daffara, James Davis, Norman Foster, Kenneth George, Jack Healey, Ray Loyd, Gary Luetkemeyer, Ralph Maahs, Richard Madson, Robert Massey, George Moore, Mrs. Lula Morris, Mrs. Virginia Myers, Thomas Ruble, Richard Swisher, Mrs. Mildred Tyler.

Meritorious Civilian Service Award

Harold B. Buckley, Kenneth Houtz, Ali B. Kwong.

Is This Any Way to Run an Army?



You've heard it all before. Those were the good old days. You entered the Army a boy and came out a man. Those were the days all right—the days of dogrobbers, yardbirds, shavetails and 3 a.m. physicals in raincoats. In 1922, a private earned \$21 a month. Twenty years later, it hadn't changed a penny. At the start of World War Two, a buck sergeant made \$54 a month. Only you didn't make sergeant until you had invested years and years.

Today's Army is not perfect—you know that. But it has come a long way from the brown shoe days. And it's still moving.

Oh, you may never get rich on the money, but the pay hikes are pretty regular now. You can also make a bundle with the right VRB or with the 10 per cent earnings on the Soldier's Deposit Fund and no service has quicker promotion.

You can get a technical or college education through the Army, not to mention invaluable opportunities in leadership training. You can also learn painlessly through the "broadening experience" of traveling to places like Ethiopia, Alaska, Japan, Hawaii and Germany.

PX and commissary privileges for you and your family help to take the edge off inflation and dental and medical care bar that budget-crushing doctor, dentist or hospital bill.

And we aren't far from the day when most of the meaningless, Mickey Mouse routines of the past will be cast aside. It's happening now. When was the last time your unit held a pre-dawn reveille? A new deal for all who choose to serve in the Modern Volunteer Army is not just an idle promise. Things are changing—and for the better.

We aren't trying to snow you. You know what the Army is—and what it is not. You also know that no nation can long survive in the real world without a modern, well-trained and equipped military force to protect its independence.

Before you slough off the thought of re-enlisting, look to the Army's past. Look where it stands today. Then look to the future. You can help make the Army of tomorrow.